



2015 Maine Wildlife Action Plan

Update Committee - Meeting #2

September 30, 2014

Location: Maple Hill Farm, Hallowell

Meeting Objectives

- Update partners on action plan activity since July 8th meeting
- Finalize Maine's list of Species of Greatest Conservation Need [SGCN]
- Incorporating marine fauna into the action plan
- Review the process to develop SGCN habitat associations
- Introduce proposed approach for assessing "stressors" affecting SGCN and their habitats

Meeting Agenda

8:30 Gathering / coffee available

9:00 Welcome

- Introductions
- Volunteer time
- Review of day's agenda
 - Meeting objectives

9:15 Brief re-introduction to state wildlife action plans and state wildlife grants.

- SWG and SWAP: why we are here
- Active stakeholder and working groups
 - Conservation partners
 - Steering committee
 - Public outreach committee
 - Focus Areas update committee
- Meeting with landowners

9: 45 Finalizing Maine's list of species of greatest conservation need

- Peer review process – comments offered by taxa "specialists" and conservation partners
- Finalizing the criteria used to identify SGCN and the SGCN list
- Questions, discussion

10: 15 Marine fauna and habitat, Dept. of Marine Resources

10:45 Break

11:00 Wildlife action plan habitats

- The role of SGCN habitat associations in the action plan update
- System / process / criteria used to classify Maine's wildlife habitats
- System / process / criteria used to identify SGCN habitats associations
- Overview: results, summary analysis
 - Habitat types
 - Habitats used by SGCN
 - Preliminary conservation land "gaps" analysis,
 - Habitat distribution and location of SGCN habitats
- Questions, discussion

12:00 Lunch

1:00 Break-out group review of habitat classification and SGCN habitat associations

- Ecosystem groups
 - Wetlands
 - Coastal/marine
 - Freshwater aquatic
 - Terrestrial
- Tasks
 - Review Northeast habitat classification system by ecosystem group
 - Review SGCN habitat associations
 - Identify habitat associations not captured by classification system
 - Discuss aggregation / presentation of SGCN and habitat analysis: geopolitical, biophysical ecoregions, HUC watersheds, other
 - Discuss approaches to identify highest priority habitats for conservation actions
 - Discuss need to develop "user friendly" habitat lexicon

3:00 Break

3:15 Reconvene for break-out group reports

- Wetlands
- Coastal / marine
- Freshwater aquatic
- Terrestrial

3:45 Proposed approach for assessing "stressors" affecting SGCN and their habitats

- October 30, 2014 conservation partner meeting

4:00 Closing discussion

4:15 Adjourn